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INFO OCT-01 ARA-12 FUR-12 ADS-00 SSO-00 CIAE-00
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FM AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU

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INFO AMEMBASSY ABILJAN

AMEMBASSY ACCRA

AMEMBASSY BAMAKO

AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

AMEMBASSY CONAKRY

AMEMBASSY DAKAR

AMEMBASSY LAGOS

AMEMBASSY LONE

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY NIAMEY

AMEMBASSY NOUAKHOTT

AMEMBASSY PARIS

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BOGOTA FOR AMBASSADOR; CONAKRY FOR KILLION; LONDON FOR

LANPHER; PARIS FOR MURPHY

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TAGS:PGOV, UV

SUBJECT: MILITARY TAK;34 --COMPLETE CONTROL

1. (U) DURING THE WEEKEND THE MEMBERS OF STEERING
COMMITTEE OF CMRPN WERE IN EVIDENCE AROUND TOWN WHILE
ACTIVITIES CONTINUED TO RETURN QUICKLY TO NORMAL. THE
AIRPORT OPENED SATURDAY AFTERNOON. THE ONLY VISUAL EVIDENCES
OF THE RECENT CHANGES ARE PRESENCE (ALFEIT VERY SMALL) OF
SOLDIERS AT GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS, AND THE STILL STRICTLY

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ENFORCED CURFEW. IT IS REPORTED THAT THE CURFEW WILL
BE MODIFIED EARLY IN THE WEEK. THE CMRPN IS IN COMPLETE
CONTROL OF THE COUNTRY AND THE GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE.

2. (U) SATURDAY MORNING LT COL FELIX TIENTARABOUM, ACCOMPANIED
BY THE ACTING HEAD OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
MICHEL KAFANDO RECEIVED THE VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS OF NORTH KOREA WHO HAD ARRIVED IN OUAGA THE DAY BEFORE
THE MILITARY ACTION AND HAD BEEN KEPT COOLING HIS
HEELS SINCE. AT THE SAME TIME, LT COL KOMPASRE OPENED A
REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF POST, TELEGRAPH AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS.
THE CMRPN ISSUED A DECREE AUTHORIZING, "ON A VERY EXCEPTIONAL
BASIS" THE PAYMENT OF STRIKING TEACHERS SALARIES FOR OCTOBER
AND NOVEMBER. WHICH CLEARS THE WAY FOR THE TEACHERS TO RETURN
TO WORK AND CERTAINLY INCREASES THE POPULARITY OF THE MILITARY

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WITH A LARGE GROUP OF PEOPLE -- NOT LEAST OF ALL PARENTS WHO CAN NOW GET THE KIDS OUT FROM UNDER FOOT DURING THE DAY.

3. (U) THE RADIO CONTINUES TO BROADCAST MESSAGE OF SUPPORT ADDRESSED TO THE CMRPN FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY. TRAVELERS COMING BY ROAD TO OUAGA FROM TOGO, IVORY COAST, AND THE NORTHWEST OF THE COUNTRY (DORI) INDICATE EVERYTHING IS CALM AND NORMAL.

4. (U) SUNDAY EVENING THE RADIO ISSUED AN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE CMRPN STATING THAT ALL "PERSONALITIES" OF THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT ARE BEING HELD IN PROTECTIVE CUSTODY; CALLED ON ALL VOLTANS TO RESPECT THE CURFEW AND OTHER REGULATIONS NECESSITATED BY RECENT EVENTS PUT IN EFFECT BY THE CMRPN OR THEY WOULD BE SUBJECT TO ARREST, AND SAID THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF WEAPONS HAD BEEN COMING INTO THE COUNTRY RECENTLY AND WERE NOW IN THE HANDS OF PRIVATE CITIZENS. THESE WEAPONS ARE TO BE TURNED IN TO THE

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APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE CONVENIENCE. THIS IS THE FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT.